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SUBJECT: ENDORSEMENT FOR PHILIPPINE AGRICULTURE SECRETARY TANCO
FOR WORLD FOOD COUNCIL POSITION

1. AS DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL U.S. HAS AGREED TO ENDORSE
PHILIPPINE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE ARTURO TANCO JR.
FOR POSITION TO BE VACATED BY JOHN HANNAH WITH WORLD
FOOD COUNCIL. IT IS EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING THAT
ENDORSEMENT WOULD BE MADE TO SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM
FOLLOWING LATTER'S REELECTION FOR NEW TERM.

2. TANCO HAS CALLED TO REMIND US OF THIS UNDERTAKING BUT
ALSO TO REPORT THA KITCHEN OF USUN HAS INDICATED TO HIM
THE U.S. MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN SEEING TANCO ASSUME
POSITION AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF IFAD. TANCO HAS
EXPRESSED INTEREST IN LATTER POSITION BUT UNDERSTANDS
THERE IS STRONG EGYPTIAN CANDIDATE WHO HAS OPEC SUPPORT.
THEREFORE TANCO RELUCTANT ENTER COMPETITION FOR IFAD POST
UNLESS HE BECOMES ASSURED COMPROMISE CANDIDATE OF ALL CONCERNED.

3. TANCO IS LEAVING FOR U.S. DECEMBER 22 (MANILA TIME)
FOR CHRISTMAS VISIT WITH HIS CHILDREN WHO ARE RESIDENT
THERE. IF DEPARTMENT HAS ANY ADVISE PRIOR TANCO'S
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DEPARTURE PLEASE CABLE SOONEST. IF NOT, TANCO PLANS
TELEPHONE KITCHEN UPON HIS ARRIVAL U.S. EAST COAST FOR
LATEST VIEWS ON SITUATION. PLEASE ADVISE BY RETURN
CABLE IF KITCHEN WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH USUN
SWITCHBOARD.

4. IN SUMMARY, TANCO STANDS BY HIS CURRENT CANDIDACY FOR
WORLD FOOD COUNCIL POSITION IN WHICH HE UNDERSTANDS HE
IS PRESENTLY UNOPPOSED. HE IS HOWEVER, INTERESTED IN
IFAD POSITION BUT ONLY IF IT IS SURE THING. HE WILL BE
GUIDED IN HIS DECISIONS BY U.S. RECOMMENDATIONS.
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